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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1885.

CLOSE SEASON FOR GAME.

THE public is hereby reminded that the sale of pheasant is prohibited after February 16, and that of deer, hare, partridges and all small birds after March 1.

No prohibition attaches to the sale of snipe, quail, woodcock and wild fowl.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, February 10, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 2002.

TAVERN LICENCES.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Watch Committee will sit on Thursday, March 31, 1910, to decide upon the number and locality of foreign taverns to be licensed during the ensuing year.

Applications for new licences, upon the form obtainable at the Tax Office, must be forwarded to the undersigned before March 5.

Thereafter, by public notification, an opportunity will be afforded to Ratepayers to protest against or support before the Committee the issue or renewal of any licence.

No fresh licences will be issued during the twelve months ensuing after April 1, 1910, and until the next annual sitting of the Committee.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, February 21, 1910.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, February 16, 1910, at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
H. De Gray
F. C. Heffer
W. D. Little
H. A. J. Macray
O. Meuser
W. A. C. Platt
J. Prentice
T. E. Trueman
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Annual Meeting of Ratepayers.

The Annual Meeting is arranged for Monday, March 21, at 2 o'clock p.m.

Volunteers.

Artillery.—The Commandant reports that Pony No. 13 is suffering from a strained shoulder and, being very lame, is no longer fit, either for draught or riding work. Its replacement is accordingly sanctioned.

He further recommends the purchase of six additional ponies, for which provision is made in the Budget for 1910. The Council approves this course noting that for the Artillery Training, which commences on March 7, there are at present only 16 sound ponies available, sufficient only to horse the four guns, without provision for riding purposes or casualties.

Police

Sikh Branch.—In continuation of the correspondence on this subject, published in the Municipal Gazette of September 9, the following letter from H.M. Consul-General intimates that there is no land available for a grant to late Sergeant-Major, Ganda Singh:—

H.M. Consulate-General,
Shanghai, February 15, 1910.

SIR,—I beg to transmit to you herewith copy of a letter addressed to me by the Secretary to the Government of India, Army Department, relative to Council's application for a grant of land to Ganda Singh, late Sergeant-Major in the Sikh Branch of the Municipal Police Force.

It would appear that there is no land available for distribution except that reserved for Native Officers of the Indian Army, and in the circumstances the Government of India regret they are unable to accede to your request.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
PELHAM L. WARREN,
Consul-General.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Government of India,
Army Department,
Fort William, January 19, 1910.

SIR,—I am directed to refer to Army Department endorsement No. 2475-A, dated October 25, 1909, and to inform you that there is no land available for distribution in the Punjab except that reserved for Native Officers of the Indian Army. In these circumstances, the Government of India regret that they are unable to accede to your recommendation on behalf of Ganda Singh.

I am, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
ROBERT SCALLON,
Major-General,
Secretary to the Govt. of India.

H. M. CONSUL-GENERAL,
Shanghai.

Mixed Court.

Rules of Procedure.—A letter from the Senior Consul intimates acquiescence in the Council's views on the subject of the recent suggestions of the late Consul-General for France with regard to Police procedure.

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Chinese Proclamations.

Gambling.—The following correspondence is ordered for publication. The proclamation enclosed in the Senior Consul's letter was published in the "Shenpao" on January 28:—

Shanghai, February 2, 1910.

SIR,—I beg to forward herewith for your consideration and remarks copy and rough translation of a proclamation issued by the Taotai against gambling and which I am asked to stamp and countersign for purposes of posting.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. SIFFERT,

Consul-General for Belgium, and Senior Consul.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Translation of proposed proclamation by the Shanghai Taotai Tsai Nai-huang, dated January 27, 1910.

It is hereby notified that assembling together for gambling is a practice most dangerous to the welfare of this place, and the Chinese and foreign officials have issued reiterated proclamations in warning against it on repeated occasions.

Nevertheless, it now appears that there is a certain man named Yih, and another named Ting, and another named Chang, and another named Chen, and another named Yen, and others who have daily resorted to a place in the neighbourhood of the Chang Ka Garden in the vicinity of the Defence Creek, and opened a gambling den, where sums of money amounting to thousands have been lost, whereby not one alone has lost his livelihood and ruined his family. They have thus done harm beyond words. I, the Taotai, am firm in the enforcement of the law, and have investigated the matter very closely, and I have addressed a dispatch and directions to the Mixed Court Magistrate to join with the Captain-Superintendent of Police in severely effecting the necessary arrests. I have also observed that the gamblers in question are all persons in mercantile circles, who, in order to preserve their respectability should not be arrested secretly. Therefore a proclamation is now duly issued beforehand in prohibition, and each should turn back at the earliest moment and pursue his avocations in peace. But if the concerned still maintain their foolish conduct without shame, and continue in their offences, there remain the rules whereunder they should be punished, and the Police and detectives of which the staff is most numerous: and when they have been arrested and brought up, their punishment shall follow without the least leniency. Each should tremble and obey, lest he repent hereafter.

Council Room,
Shanghai, February 16, 1910.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 2, enclosing copy of a proclamation by the Taotai on the subject of gambling, and requesting an expression of the Council's views on this document.

In reply, I have the honour to state that the Council would deprecate availing of this or any similar proffer of assistance on the part of the Taotai, either by proclamation or otherwise, in the Police administration of the Foreign Settlement. If difficulty is experienced by the Council and the Police Authorities responsible for good order in the Settlement, it does not arise from any lack of the requisite authority or arrangements for enforcing it, but alone from the failings, and absence of co-operation, on the part of the surrounding administrations, and the irregular procedure of the native officials in control of them.

This is already too well known to the Consular Body, but, if instances are needed in proof that it is a true description of the position I need only refer to two.

One is the fact that the persons convicted of the murder of native Constable No. 664 on the night of January 21, 1909, who were handed over by the Mixed Court to the City Magistrate on May 29, have remained in the hands of that official unsentenced ever since, and there is reason to suppose that the trial is protracted to avoid inflicting any penalty.

A second case illustrates more clearly that the issue of the proclamation in question in the Settlement is superfluous. In February and ensuing months of the year 1907 the attention of the Municipal Police was particularly directed to the suppression of the notorious gambling sheds in Li Hongkew. The Mixed Court Magistrate issued a proclamation on the subject, and, as it affected the outskirts rather than the Settlement itself, the Council regarded it as a useful admonitory notice. Since then the district in question has become infested with Chapei Constabulary, and, to obviate any collision, the suppressive action of the Police has gradually diminished. The sheds remain therefore operating freely, and give a lucrative livelihood to the criminal and disorderly classes who congregate in the neighbourhood. It is thus evident that if the Taotai has the desire to suppress this form of vice, it is more urgent that a suitable proclamation be issued in Li Hongkew beyond Settlement limits, where the Council trusts that it will remedy the existing absence of public order.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

Public Band.

The minutes of the meeting of the Band Committee of January 31, relating to various matters of internal organization, and staff arrangements for 1910, are read and confirmed.

Bundings.

Soochow Creek.—In view of the falling away of a portion of the bank of this creek on Brenan Road, east of the Rubicon Club, the construction of a light bunding 45 feet in length is authorized at an estimated cost of Tls. 225.

Pagoda.

Letters from Messrs. E. J. Muller and the native promoter of this scheme are submitted, together with the replies received from the Native Guilds. It is understood that a protest from the registered owners of the properties adjoining the suggested site will be received in the course of a few days, and discussion of the matter is deferred until next week.

Electricity Department.

Dixwell Road Godown.—The proposal to retain this godown until March 31 is, upon the recommendation of the Electricity Committee, confirmed.

Tramways.

With regard to the letter from the Company of February 3, already published, two points relating to the Power Rate call for reply by the Council.

It is admitted that with a monthly consumption as low as 150,000 units, the proposed new schedule will offer no reduction on the present rates, but the consumption during January has exceeded 170,000 units, and the Council's proposals are based upon the assumption that this figure will not fall.

The Council is unanimously opposed to the Company's suggestion to submit the figures upon which the new rates are based to the suggested expert, and it is decided to reply that the discussion is closed.

Tenders.

The following are authorized for acceptance:—

Construction of dormitories in the roof of the Louza Police Station (*vide* Gazette of August 19), Yue Chong, Tls. 1,597, with extras amounting to Tls. 550, against a Budget appropria-

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tion of Tls. 2,500. The following tenders for the work were also received:—

Joe Ming-kee	Tls. 2,236
Sah Jin-kee	2,000
Kaung Yue-kee	1,780
Zu Yang-tai	1,750
Chun Ming-kee	1.708
Zee Shun-shing	1,650

Construction of a mess room, kitchen, etc., in the roof of the Central Fire Station, Chun Ming-kee, Tls. 850 with extras amounting to Tls. 380. Budget appropriation Tls 1,100. The cost is in excess of the estimate owing to the fact that the requisition for this work has been altered to include several items not in the original estimate. The remaining tenders are as follows:—

Chun Sung-kee	Tls. 1,840
Kaung Yue-kee	1,680
Sah Jin-kee	1,500
Joe Ming-kee	1,336
Zee Shun-shing	950
Yue Chong	933

Dredging and removing 6,000 tons of mud from the Defence Creek between the Yangkingpang and Soochow Creek, Dau Shing-kee. Tl. 0.14 per ton. Other tenders are:—

Sun Ba-kee	Tl. 0.205
Koo Yao-kee	0.19
Wong Kee-kee	0.18
Zee Yung-chong	0.15

The meeting adjourns at 6 p.m.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, Feb. 20, 1910.	Death among Chinese population of 550,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000.
Small-pox.	5	1
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	1
Diphtheria.	1	0
Scarlet Fever.	4	0
Tuberculosis	16	1
Plague	0	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	161	1

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Public Band.

The attendance on Sunday, February 13, was 733, and on Sunday, February 20, was 766. On both occasions the Hall was emptied in 4 minutes.

The programme for Sunday, February 27, at 4.30 p.m. is as follows:—

1. Overture—"Mignon" ... Thomas
2. Serenade Lyrique ..... Elgar
3. Suite No. 1, from the incidental music to "Peer Gynt"... Grieg

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*4. Overture—"Hunyady László ... Erkel
5. Concerto for Flute..... Fürstenau
   Solo—Mr. J. PRÖFENER.
6. Welsh Rhapsody...Edward German

Conductor-in-charge, Mr. R. BUCK.

* First performance at these concerts.

Departmental Report by the Superintendent of Parks and Open Spaces to the Municipal Engineer for January.

During the month a new flower garden has been formed in front of the Golf Pavilion in Hongkew Recreation Ground and the flower garden in the Public Recreation Ground has been re-laid. The frost prevailing during the month rendered planting in quantity unwise. Trees were planted on various roads to replace those which died during the summer. The planting of new roads will be proceeded with after the Chinese New Year.

Reserve Garden.—A good display of flowers was maintained during the month. Noticeable amongst those in flower, were, phalanopsis, primula sinensis, daedalacanthus nervosus, peaches and lilac. Cuttings of various plants as alternanthus, coleus, acalypha, crotons, etc., were inserted to grow on for summer bedding out.

Nurseries.—A commencement was made to prepare the beds wherein it is proposed to transplant seedlings in the spring. 1,576 small bulbs of tulips and 1,780 bulbs of hyacinths were planted

Trees on Roads.—304 new trees were planted, 349 were staked and 636 re-fastened.

D. MACGREGOR,
Superintendent.

Municipal Publications.

Land Regulations and Bye-laws for the Foreign Settlement of Shanghai, North of the Yangkingpang... ... 1907.	$1.00
Handbook of Local Regulations. Containing conditions, security and fees attached to the issue of licences; Municipal Regulations and other information... ... 1909.	1.50
Annual Reports and Financial Statements for the following years, with the Budget for the year ensuing. 1896-1908. each	2.00
Reports of Ratepayers' Meetings... ... 1878-1909. each	10.0
Foreign House Assessment Schedule ... ... 1909.	1.00
Land Assessment Schedules. Containing the consular and cadastral numbers of lots, registered owners, areas and values, with plans. In four parts, one to each district ... ... 1907. each	1.50
Rules with respect to New Foreign Buildings ... 1909.	0.50
Rules with respect to New Chinese Buildings ... 1901.	0.25
Report of Police Enquiry Committee ... ... 1907.	1.00
Public School Prospectus 1908.	0.50
Public School Syllabus of Work ... ... 1908.	0.50
Public School for Chinese Prospectus... ... 1908.	0.55
Plans accompanying Land Assessment Schedules 1907. each	$1.00
Plan of Shanghai. Shewing Foreign and French Settlements, and surrounding districts. Size 4′ 4″ x 2′ 3″. Scale 1,000 feet ... 1908.	5.00
Plan of the Country North of Foreign Settlement of Shanghai. Shewing existing roads and consular lots. Size 9′ 0″ x 4′ 10″. Scale 200 feet ... ... 1907.	
In sectional sheets, unmounted ...	16.00
Unmounted ...	20.00
Mounted on linen	27.00
Mounted on linen on rollers ...	35.50

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